



64 Years of DX-cellence

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The Southern California DX Club Newsletter est. 1947

*"If you need him get
in there and work
him"*

The Southern California DX Club is a group of dedicated men and women active in the amateur radio community who enjoy communicating over the air with other radio amateurs around the world.

The SCDXC strongly supports the DX Code of Conduct. Please visit their website:

www.dx-code.org

The newsletter is published every month and is released to its members about the first of each month. Amateur and DX related letters, news and pictures are welcome and will be published as time and space permit.

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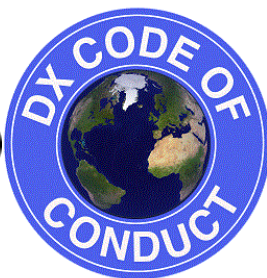
Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM except April, June and December.

Please check the club web site for events and details at:

<http://www.scdxc.org>

If you are in the area please say hello on our repeater:

W6AM/R145.48,(-) 100Hz PL



NCDXF Platinum Contributor

Next Meeting

Antarctica

Dave Ziskin, AG6E

5/10/2012 7:30 PM

WEMS Inc.

• **Flash!! Yemen Apr 30 - May 15**

• **Visalia DX Convention!**

• **DXer of the Year, Bob, W6ZPL!**

• **Clipperton Award, Kris, KC6TOD!**

• **June Picnic!**

Making friends all over the world using the magic of Amateur Radio.
Sponsors of the International DX Convention, since 1949

SCDXC Annual Picnic

Sunday June 3, 2012 at 11:00am

The SCDXC Picnic will be held Sunday, June 3, at Woodley Park, Grove 2, in Van Nuys. The club provides hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, drinks, and paper goods. Bring a side dish and your appetite! Talk in on W6AM/R 145.480 MHz PL 100.00 Hz.

Prizes

We will have our special raffle board for a chance at complete station package (One Drawing). This includes an Icom IC 7200 100 watt transceiver, LDG IT-100 100 watt antenna tuner, and an Alinco DM-330mvt 32 amp power supply! The spots are \$10.00 each. Square sales will begin at the March meeting.

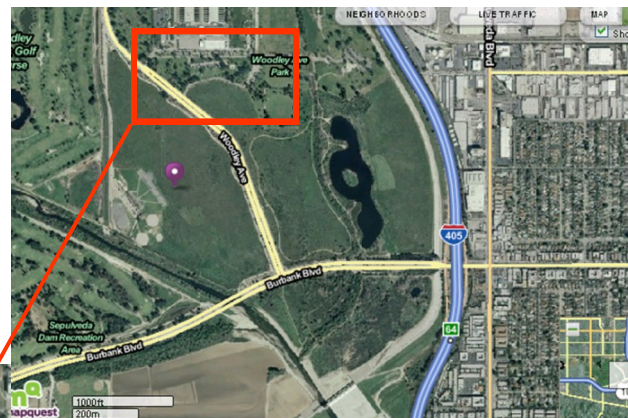
Directions

The location this year is just south of the Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant. Enter at the entrance of the water reclamation plant. Look for our club signs and banners!

From the south exit the 405 freeway at Burbank, this is the first exit past the 101 Fwy. Turn left (West) onto Burbank travel about 3/4 of a mile to Woodley Ave. Turn Right at the stop light and go north about 1/4 of a mile. The entrance to the picnic area and parking lot will be on the right (East) side.

From the north exit the 405 Freeway at Burbank, Turn right (West) onto Burbank travel about 3/4 of a mile to Woodley Ave. Turn Right at the stop light and go north about 1/4 of a mile. The entrance to the picnic area (East) side.

See you there!



and parking lot will be on the right

THE PREZ SEZ

Bill Kendrick, N6RV,
President – Southern California DX Club
n6rv@scdxc.org

Hello Everybody!

I hope everyone enjoyed the convention. There is an article later in the newsletter covering all the events and happenings. Congratulations to Bubba, W6ZPL, for DXer of the Year! Bob deserved this accolade as much as anyone. His ethic and skills are an example for all.

Kris, KC6TOD, earned the Clipperton working over 140 entities in the first year of her membership. Way to go Kris!

I have to thank four individuals whom I did not have the opportunity to recognize at the banquet. They stepped up and helped out with the CW Pile Up Contest. Doug, W6HB, Tim, K6GEP, and Don, NA6Z, assisted with the set and breakdown of the venue, manned the front scheduling each session and keeping anxious contestants from barging in, and helped score the papers! They spent six hours of their convention time to help. Don and I believe Tim were first time attendees and they helped out. Skip, KJ6Y ran out and bought a roll of raffle tickets in the last minute. All four deserve recognition.

Enjoy the newsletter. The announced DX this month is something else!

73, Bill N6RV
President, SCDXC
www.scdxc.org
International DX Convention:
www.dxconvention.org



Treasurer's Report

Club financial information is available on request. Contact the treasurer.

Officer Guidelines

The revised version of the Officers Guidelines is available on our website. See the hyperlink below.

Code of Conduct

SCDXC endorses the **DX Code of Conduct**
See the hyperlink below.

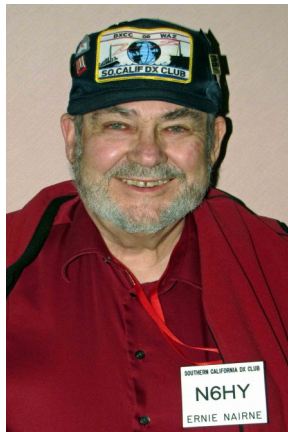


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VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**Ernie Nairne, N6HY,
Vice President – SCDXC
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Hello Fellow DXers!

Boy what a convention. It was great to see all the DXers and they came out in force! I know I had a good time! Hats off to all who helped make the convention a great one, a big thank you!

DXer of the year went to Bubba, W6ZPL and the Clipperton award went to Kris, KC6TOD. There was a scheme afoot. Bill's presentation of the Clipperton award referred to the winner in the male gender. I was sitting at the table with Kris and George. After about the third time Bill mentioned the winners accomplishments referring to the winner as he Kris whispered "I didn't win." When Bill paused, looked up, and asked, "Did I say it was a he?" and named Kris she nearly jumped out of the chair. The credit goes to Larry, K6YUI, for that gotcha!

Bill, N6RV, was hoping for more sunspots. It almost got down to zero but Mr. Sol came back with a count of 169! It looks like the sun is going to come through! Look for openings on ten meters to Antarctica, Africa, Europe, and others. Many of the bands are open later around 9 PM to 12 AM local time.

This month's speaker is Dave Ziskin, AG6E. Dave has presented before at the club. His unique background and history in maritime radio operations combined with oceanographic research and disaster relief, and his "salty" personality always makes for a good talk! Hope to see you there!

73, de N6HY Vice President SCDXC

DXer of The Year

**Congratulations
Mel K6SY!**

Clipperton Award

**Congratulations
David N6RI!**

New Members

**Please welcome new
members:**

**Clay Davis
AB9A**

**Bruce Edgar
AB6BJ**

**Dan Warren
W6DAW**

**Stephen Rapata
AC6DX**

**Ron Resnick
W2DXX**

**Paul Gussow
W6GMU**

**Peter Arninge
SM5GMZ**

**Vivian Wentworth
Kiston
W6NWF**

**Robert Kiston
K16SBL**

***Make sure you
meet and greet
them at the next
meeting!***



New DXer Resources

New DXers Handbook



CONTESTS

**John Schroeder, N6QQ,
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This month is the CQ WPX CW contest. This contest is not specifically for DX however a lot of DX shows up and competes. Also several groups go out on Dxpedition for this one.

For SSB fans:

CQ-M International DX Contest (both CW and Phone) 5/12 1200Z to 5/13 1159Z

For CW fans:

CQ WPX CW Contest 5/26 0000Z to 5/27 2359Z

For RTTY fans:

Where to look for contest rules:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>.

Where to look for DX operations that might be on during March:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

Looking for something to read: Check out this site for copies of 73 magazine:

<http://www.archive.org/details/73-magazine>

See you in the pile-ups!

73 John N6QQ

Past President: Southern California DX Club- 2011: www.scdxc.org

International DX Convention: www.dxconvention.org

<http://www.grz.com/db/N6QQ>

(Thanks John for continuing to contribute the latest in DX Contests to the newsletter! - editor)

Triathlon DX Contest Announcement

The following announcement was provided by our secretary, Kris Jacob, KC6TOD.

It all started in August of 2011. That was about when it occurred to Mike, SV5BYR that a big Greek Contest was missing from international Ham Radio Contest Calendar. By the end of September this idea became mature and so the "Triathlon" was born! A triathlon is a multi- sport event involving the completion of three continuous and sequential endurance events. And as you have already guessed, it is a Greek word. We had to change a bit the name to Triathlon DX Contest to match our activity. Actually, trying here to simulate the original Triathlon athletic event, we involved three major ham radio modes, SSB, CW, RTTY. It will be a 24 hour non-stop event divided in three sections, each one devoted to a different mode. There are some tentative rules of the contest that you can take a look. It will take place every Saturday, the 1st full weekend of February, debuting on 02-02-2013.

After all, what makes this particular contest unique is the special gift for the winner! (take a look to the prize page)

In this point we have to mention all the Greek amateurs who are working to make this event alive: SV1DPI, SV1NK, SV2AGW, SV2DCD, SV5BYR, SV7JAR, SV8CS, SV8RX, SV9GPV, SV9DJO... There is still a lot of work to be done and more details to be announced. Stay tuned!

MORE here:

<http://triathlon-dx-contest.blogspot.com>

LZ OPEN CONTESTS ANNOUNCEMENT

We have the pleasure to invite you to take part in our contests this year.

The rules of all the five contests can be found at :

<http://www.lzopen.com>

LZOPEN Contests are supported by N1MM , SD by EI5DI, UA1AAF, 5MContest loggers.

Please take attention to the LZ Open SES Contest <http://www.lzopen.com/lzopenfield20/index.htm>

Your participation is important to us!
Thanks for your support !

73 , LZ1GL Krasimir Latinov
<http://www.lzopen.com>

RUMORS ON THE BAND

A plethora of announcements, rumors, and serious DX fun

There are some pretty good DX operations going on this month: [Myanmar](#), [Somalia](#), [Azerbaijan](#), [Bhutan](#), [Nepal](#), [St. Barthelemy](#), [Algeria](#), plus more! Many of these operations are single operators with limited stations. One in particular is a potential long term educator in Myanmar. He will be there for several years. This possibly would be a good candidate for helping out with equipment.

603A E70A Hargesia, Somaliland

Darko, T70A, is returning to Somaliland at the end of the month. From his prior trip it appears he uses an R7000 vertical which is already set up on the roof.

From the chatter on at the convention the Intrepid Dxpediton Group will be heading there in November. Our own Bob Grimmick, N6OX, will be in the group. They will be using Darko's call sign.

<http://www.intrepid-dx.com/603a/>

Somaliland is the northern province of Somalia. It is not recognized internationally as a sovereign independent entity. There is an ongoing dispute about its autonomous status. This region was formerly British Somaliland. The southern provinces of Somalia were formerly Italian Somaliland. The country, though politically unified has never been settled into that status and has suffered a long civil war. The DXCC desk has accepted cards from operations licensed by Somaliland, counting it as Somalia. No issues were raised for Darko's operations. Hopefully the November Dxpediton will go off without a hitch.

Blue Information indicate particularly rare entities and **Red information** indicate SCDXC member attended DXpediton. As always you have to turn on your radio to work them.



Useful DX Sites

N0HR DXpediton Map
www.n0hr.com/wk34/

The DX Zone
www.dxzone.com/catalog/DX_Resources/

The Daily DX
www.dailydx.com/

Announced DX Ops
www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html

DXing.info
www.dxing.info/dxpeditons/

DX 425 News
www.425dxn.org/dxped/

Dx-info.de
www.dx-info.de

DX Italia DX News
www.marioi2mqp.it

DH9SB Weekly DX Calendar
<http://www.dx-info.de>



Call	QTH	Start Date	End Date	Information	Website
9Q0HQ/7	Congo	Now	5/9/2012	UV5EVJ	-
YJ0VK	Vanuatu	Now	5/5/2012	VK3QB, VK3HJ, VK3GK, VK3GHM, VK3CBV 160 - 10m	http://yj0vk.odxg.org/yj0vk2012/default.html
OD5/IV3XNF	Lebanon	Now	5/30/2012	IV3XNF, 80-10m, CW, Digital, QRP	http://iv3xnf.jimdo.com/
9N1FE	Nepal	Now	5/30/2012	WP3FE	-
XZ1K	Myanmar	Now	5/30/2012	HS0ZIB, SSB, PSK (many years)	http://www.xz1k.org/
5X	Uganda	Now	6/10/2012	F5IRO, HF, CW, PSK	http://j28ro.blogspot.com/
4JSSONG	Azerbaijan	Now	6/15/2012	Also 4KSSONG	-
A52SV	Bhutan	Now	9/1/2013	JA2PSV, 15-10m	-
8Q7NK	Maldives	5/11/2012	5/16/2012	JA2AAU (8Q7NK), JA2AIC (8Q7IC), JA2ZS (8Q7AS), JA2ATE (8Q7TE), JA2LSS (8Q7CJ), 160 - 6m SSB, CW, RTTY	-
FJ/G4MFW	St. Bathelemy	5/15/2012	5/16/2012	9V1FJ	-
MU/PA0VHA	Gurnsey	5/12/2012	5/19/2012	PA0VHA, PA3BAG PA2A PA2AM, 80-6m, CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK	-
S79RR	Seychelles	5/15/2012	5/23/2012	DJ9RR, 160 - 40m, CW, RTTY	-
XX9	Macau	5/17/2012	5/23/2012	EA5BZ, EA5CEE, EA6DD, EB5BBM, F5VL, EA1ACP, EA5FX, EA7FTR, EB7DX, 160-6m, CW SSB RTTY	http://www.adxg.org/xx9/
7U50OND	Algeria	5/20/2012	5/26/2012	7X2VFK Club Members	-
603A	Somalia	5/25/2012	5/30/2012	E70A, 160 - 6m, CW, SSB, RTTY	-

FLASH!!! YEMEN DXPEDITION

Fellow HAMs,

After 2 years of hard work we are proud to announce 7O6T operation. Such operation would not be possible without great support from the Ministry of Interior Republic of Yemen, Ministry of Information Republic of Yemen, Ministry of Radio Republic of Yemen, Ministry of Telecommunications and Information Technology Republic of Yemen.

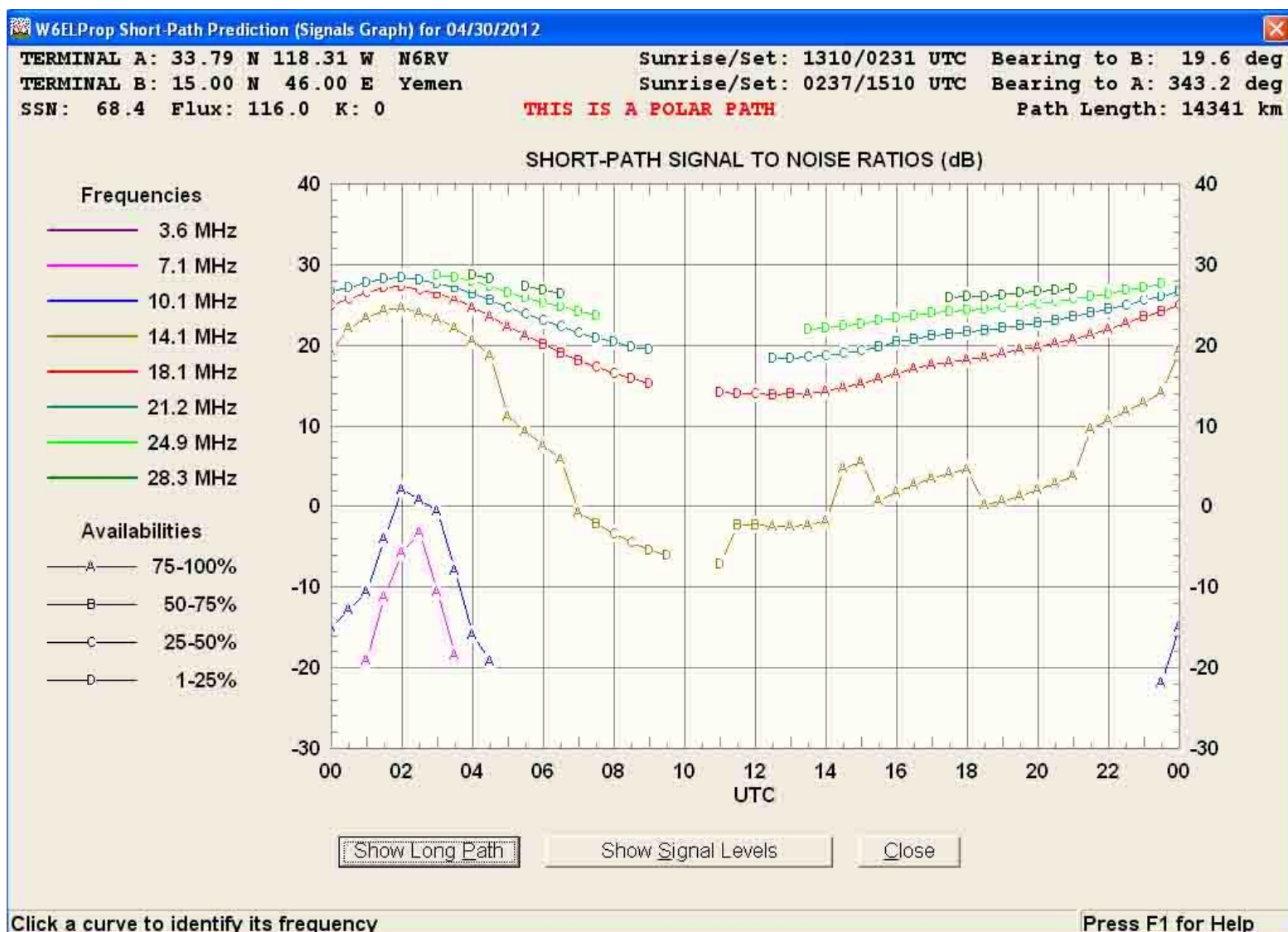
The operation will get started at 21:00Z on April 30 and will go on until 21:00Z May 15. There are 11 operators on Socotra right now with more to join them later and some leave on earlier dates.

7O6T team

Hadiboh, Socotra Island,

Hadhramaut Governorate, Republic of Yemen April 29, 2012

<http://www.yemen2012.com/>



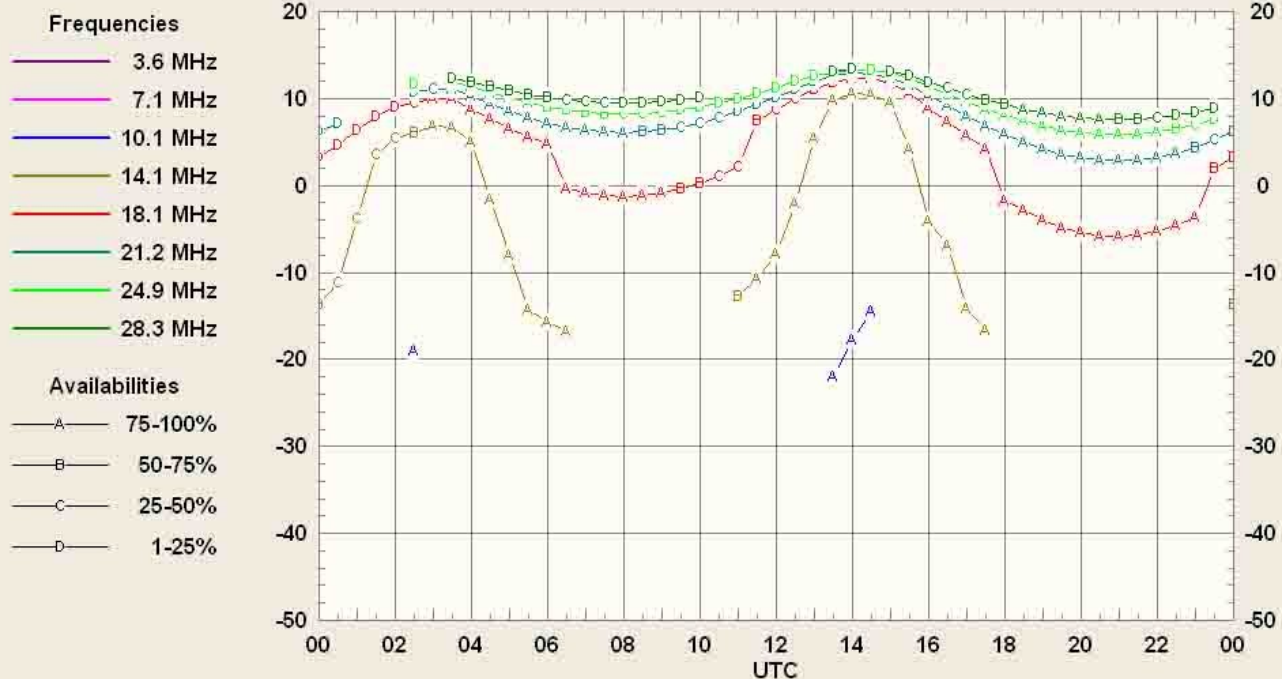
TERMINAL A: 33.79 N 118.31 W N6RV
TERMINAL B: 15.00 N 46.00 E Yemen
SSN: 68.4 Flux: 116.0 K: 0

Sunrise/Set: 1310/0231 UTC
Sunrise/Set: 0237/1510 UTC

Bearing to B: 199.6 deg
Bearing to A: 163.2 deg
Path Length: 25691 km

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LONG-PATH SIGNAL TO NOISE RATIOS (dB)



Show Short Path

Show Signal Levels

Close

Click a curve to identify its frequency

Press F1 for Help

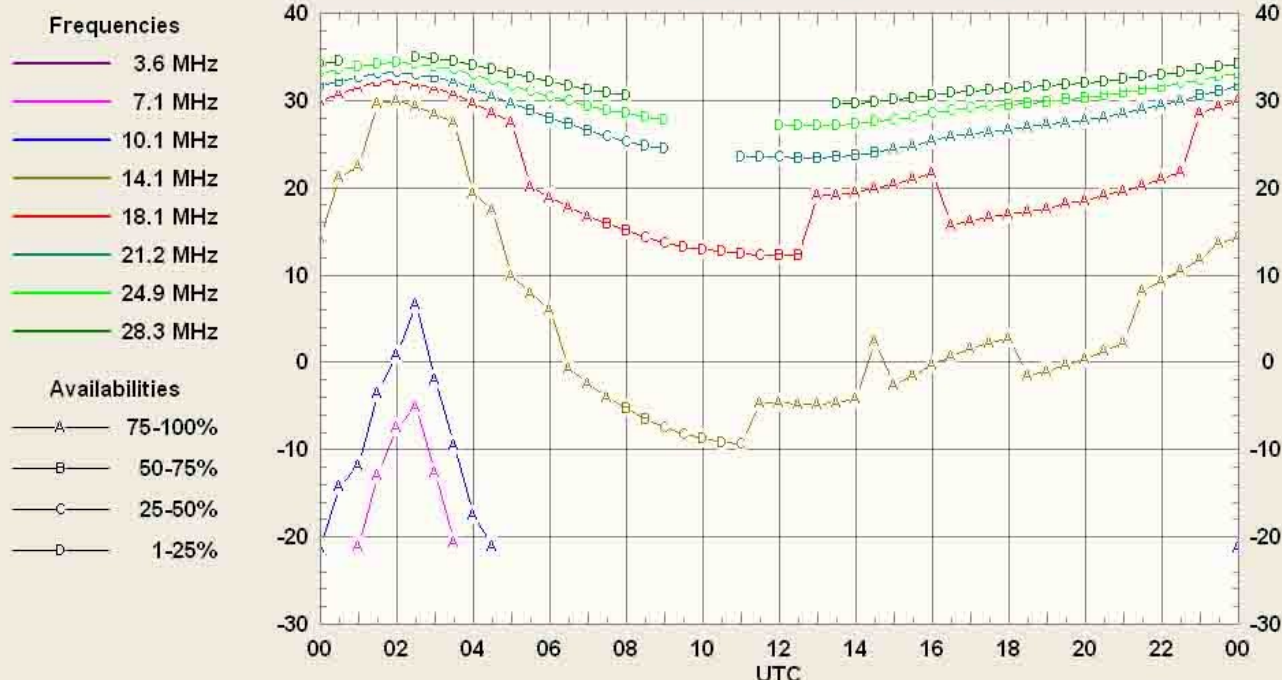
TERMINAL A: 33.79 N 118.31 W N6RV
TERMINAL B: 15.00 N 46.00 E Yemen
SSN: 96.3 Flux: 140.0 K: 0

Sunrise/Set: 1310/0231 UTC
Sunrise/Set: 0237/1510 UTC

Bearing to B: 19.6 deg
Bearing to A: 343.2 deg
Path Length: 14341 km

THIS IS A POLAR PATH

SHORT-PATH SIGNAL TO NOISE RATIOS (dB)



Show Long Path

Show Signal Levels

Close

Click a curve to identify its frequency

Press F1 for Help

DX ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Celebrate the Successes of Our Fellow Members!

This month a handful of members reported in their updates. Where are yours?

The following contributed:

<u>Call</u>	<u>DXCC</u>	<u>WAZ</u>
N6UC	367 / 340	
KC6X	349 / 340	294 / 187
W6DR	282 / 278	227 / 159

SCDXC WAZ and DXCC Standings (N6RV)

The first WAZ column is the confirmed zone count on 10 bands 160 - 6 (less 60 meters). The second column is the regular 5BWAZ confirmed count. The following are the codes that follow the two columns and indicate the awards:

M	Mixed
P	Phone
C	CW
R	RTTY
5	5 Band

The first DXCC column is the confirmed entity count with deleted countries. The second column is the confirmed current entity count.

If you have any information to post please go to the on-line webform and update your standing:

<http://www.scdxc.org/dx-update.html>

WAZ STANDINGS

	<u>10B / 5B</u>	<u>Awards</u>
K6ND	378 / 200	M/5
W6SR	369 / 200	M/P/C//5
W8DX	357 / 200	M/5
EU7SA	357 / 200	M/5
N6AW	355 / 200	M/P/C/5
WA5VGI	352 / 200	M/P/C/5
K6YRA	337 / 200	P/5
K6YUI	337 / 200	M/P/C/R/5
WD6L	248 / 200	M/P/5
N6OU	220 / 200	M/5
K6UNR	/ 200	M/P/5
W6VX	352 / 199	
NS6C	198 / 198	
K6FG	359 / 197	M/P/C/R/5
K6GXX	355 / 196	M
N6MXU	155 / 193	
K2PLF	191 / 191	
KC6X	294 / 187	M/P/C/5
SM5GMZ	300 / 187	M/P/C
K6LD	314 / 186	M/P/C
W6YOO	308 / 185	M/P/C/5
N6QQ	324 / 185	M/P/C/R
N6RV	298 / 184	M/P/C
KH6DX/m	210 / 184	
K6SY	246 / 173	P
W6ZPL	237 / 173	M/P
KJ6Y	261 / 172	
KR6C	295 / 171	M/C
K0OK	280 / 169	
AD6KQ	226 / 164	
N6DHZ	214 / 160	P
K6KII	191 / 177	M
KH6MB	181 / 174	
W6DR	227 / 159	
NK6A	152 / 152	M/5
W6NRQ	180 / 147	M/P
WA6BOB	152 / 136	M
W6IRD	151 / 111	M/P
W5DQ	161 / 122	
K6IRD	154 / 126	M/P
WB6PSY	139 / 140	P
KT6LA	132 / 103	
N6HE	130 / 138	
W3SE	102 / 112	
K6IRA	118 / 102	
K6VC	96 / 96	P
W6EA	92 / 86	
N6UC	78 / 78	M
KA6TTV	82 / 67	
N6VNI	86 / 64	
N6GIL	49 / 43	
W6DCK	40 / 40	P
K6JW	40 / 40	M/P
K6YR	39 / 39	
W6DOE	37 / 37	
NZ6L	36 / 36	
W4EF	29 /	
N6AWD		M
N6HC		M/P/C
KB6KTV		P
W6OES		M
K8RD		C

9M0L Leaderboard

1	NS6C	13
2	N6HY	9
3	W6VX	8
4	W6ENZ	7
5	N6QQ	6
6	W8DX	6
7	N6PE	5
8	K6QU	5
9	AC6DX	5
10	N6WIN	4
11	K7MY	4
12	ZL3TE	2
13	W6SR	2
14	KJ6Y	2
15	AI6Z	2
16	KT6LA	2
17	W3SE	2
18	NK6A	1
19	WU6T	1
20	KM6HB	1
21	N6RV	1
22	K0OK	1

DXCC STANDINGS

	<u>TOT / CUR</u>
K6KII	387 / 341
JA1BK	377 / 338
K6YRA	376 / 341
K6EXO	370 / 338
K6YUI	365 / 341
N6UC	367 / 340
K6DJ	363 / 341
NS6C	360 / 341
K6IPV	359 / 338
W6HT	358 / 338
W6SR	358 / 341
WA6WZO	357 / 341
K8RD	356 / 341
K5KT	355 / 341
N6AW	355 / 337
K6FG	355 / 341
K6GXX	355 / 341
K2PLF	354 / 341
N6RV	354 / 339
W8DY	353 / 341
W6IRD	352 / 336
W6OES	351 / 334
WEAUG	350 / 341
W6YOO	349 / 341
KC6X	349 / 340
W6KK	348 / 341
W6VX	348 / 341
WB6PSY	348 / 337
N6QQ	348 / 333
K6ND	347 / 341
W6OM	347 / 337
W6ENZ	346 / 338
N6AWD	346 / 337
N6HC	345 / 338
K6LD	344 / 338
EU7SA	343 / 336
W6DCK	342 / 336
WA5VGI	342 / 336
KR6C	341 / 339
KB6KTV	340 / 335
N6MG	339 / 331
N6OU	334 / 329
N6HY	333 / 329
AD6KQ	328 / 328
K6UNR	333 / 332
SM5GMZ	333 / 329
KM6HB	332 / 327
KJ6Y	327 / 323
K2IXQ	324 / 325
W6ZPL	317 / 317
K6SY	312 / 310
N6MXU	301 / 297
K0OK	300 / 298
W6HB	297 / 291
WD6L	295 / 295
N6DHZ	288 / 284
K6IRA	286 / 286
W6NRQ	285 / 281
W6DR	282 / 278
K6JW	277 / 273
N7CQQ	268 / 266
K6GEP	267 / 262
K6DJ	261 / 259
N6WIN	258 / 253
NK6A	255 / 255
K6YR	244 / 244
W3SE	240 / 237
K6HCJ	235 / 235
K6IRD	235 / 235
KT6LA	229 / 227
K6GEP	229 / 226
K6VC	227 / 227
W5DQ	225 / 220
N6VNI	223 / 223
ZL3TE	222 / 220
KN6VF	206 / 205
WA6BOB	202 / 198
N6RI	189 / 180
W6DOE	183 / 181
W6VWV	181 / 180
N6HE	178 / 171
K6LX	175 / 175
W6EA	152 / 152
KA6TTV	149 / 149
K6OGO	142 / 142
W4EF	132 / 132
WA6NOL	127 / 126
WB6PJC	41 / 41
NZ6L	27 / 27

DXKeeper to LOTW CHEAT SHEET

Last month K6FG explained how to upload to LoTW with DX4WIN in 32 steps. This month Gary Pesselt, WB6PSY explains how to upload to LoTW using DXLabs DXKeeper 10.0.3. in six steps plus three follow up steps.

Instruction sheet for uploading DXKeeper Q's to LoTW

1. Open DXK
2. Click on QSL tab
3. Click Add Requested and let it load
4. Click on Upload to LoTW
5. Wait a moment for LoTW confirmation
6. Wait a few hours or the next day - click Sync LoTW QSO's.
7. Go back to Log QSO's and see which entities were accepted.
8. Click Sync LoTW QSLs to see matches.

Sure beats the heck out of the 32 step DX4WIN (or is it loose?)

Addendum to uploading to LoTW with DXKeeper:

For single QSO's, right click over callsign and click Upload to LoTW and when it finishes, click ok.

Three clicks - doesn't get any better'n that!

Club Repeater

Mel reports that the computer for the club repeater has died. That means both the Packetcluster and the repeater announcements are off line. Mel can not get to it until later this month. It appears we need a new computer and possibly software upgrades.

SPURIOUS OUTPUTS

Comments, Announcements, and Interesting Tidbits Submitted by Members

Birthdays

AA6DP	Dan	KR6Q	Tom	AI6Z	Dick
AC6DX	Steve	K6SMF	Neil	W6ZZ	George
N6IC	Don	N6XT	Ron		

Here are the May birthdays!

Many happy returns and may you have many more!

Videos on INDEXA Website (W6HB)

Hello INDEXA Members and fellow DXers,

In an effort to continue adding value to you for your membership, INDEXA is pleased to inform you of a new feature on our web site. We are going to start offering various DXpedition videos of DXpeditions that INDEXA helped support.

Periodically the videos will change, but our first DXpedition video is the South Sudan, ST0R, DXpedition story. Both the DXpedition Co-leader, Paul, N6PSE, and producer Fabrizio, IN3ZNR, have given INDEXA the approval to run this video.

This video is about 41 minutes long and is totally packed with excitement about the first DXpedition to this new DXCC entity. To view the video go to <http://www.indexa.org> and click on the DXpedition Video button on the left side of the page.

Hope you enjoy the movie. Sorry we cannot offer you popcorn. Will have another one for you in the near future.

Thanks for supporting INDEXA so we can help make DXpeditions happen.

73, Gary Dixon, K4MQG

INDEXA President

W6FW Going QRT Sale (W6FW)

Bill Hoverman is shutting down his station. He has a number of items for sale. Contact him at 661-942-8596 or nhoverman@verizon.net

- 160 meter coil \$20
- 40 meter Hygain 2 element linear load beam \$150
- 20 meter 4 element light weight (36 ft boom approx 70 lbs) \$300
- 17 meter WARC 3 element beam \$100
- 15 meter 5 element M2 32 ft boom \$200
- 10 meter 4 element 16 ft boom \$80
- Hygain TH3 tribander 10-15-20 \$100
- Hygain 5 band vertical \$60
- Butternut 9 band vertical \$300
- 6 meter 3 element beam \$60
- 54 ft Crank Up tower 13 FT mast avail. \$150

SPURIOUS OUTPUTS

El Dorado Foothills Home Pre-Listing Sale (W6SR)

2201 DuPonte Drive, Placerville, CA (7 miles west of downtown)

Soon we will be listing our home with a realtor (**for \$35 K more and will not include items listed in “G” below**), but now is your chance to buy at the best price. The home is located between El Dorado Hills and Placerville. It is within 3 mile of highway 50 and the Greenstone on-ramp, less than 6 minutes from gas stations, and 2 large shopping areas (located at Missouri Flat and HWY 50). It is approx. 1400' ASL, above the valley fog, in the clean air, and below the snowline. The large west facing covered deck affords expansive local and gorgeous sunset views. The home features include:

- A. 3BR, 2 & 3/4 BA plus a separate office. Custom-built in July of 2000, approx. 2500 sq feet of living space, including the 15 X 12 HAM shack, with its own 3/4 bath. Forced air heating and A/C cooling. 2X6 construction through-out.
- B. Three car attached garage with a work shop.
- C. Located on 10 Acres of Oak and Pine woods. And is zoned R-5, so the lot may be split.
- D. New Granite counter tops & travertine back-splash, GE hi-end appliances in the kitchen.
- E. Home has tile baths in the two main bathrooms; the one in the master-bath features a Jacuzzi tub.
- F. The ham shack is well insulated (both for sound and temperature) and is heated and A/C.
- G. Also included in the purchase price are the three existing towers.
 - 1. A LM-470D (70') motorized crank-up tower with all ants, C-3E, 6M M2 , a 40M rotating di-pole and a 2 element 30M beam and TX2 rotor.
 - 2. A W-51 51' crank-up tower with a 10 element DX Engineering Log periodic (10-17M) and HAM-4 rotor.
 - 3. 70' of Rohn 25 tower with a 25' stinger (100' total height for 160M). Also setup are 4 switchable (from inside the shack) beverage antennas that cover the main DX directions.
 - 4. Included are all coax cables, automatic antenna switch, rotor controllers. Just add Ur favorite radio and you are on-the-air with a competitive station.

5BWAZ, 5BDXCC, 170 countries confirmed on 160M, #1 honor roll, and over 2650 DX challenge countries were worked in the past 11.5 years, as well as many domestic and DX contest awards.

Pre listing price is \$430K, the home is in move-in condition, and will surely be a “wife-approved” ham location. For more information, pictures, etc., contact Rick or Karen Samoian at (530) 672-2885 or email us.

Thanks for the bandwidth..... de Rick, W6SR

SPURIOUS OUTPUTS

KFI History (W6MPB)

Fun read courtesy Bob W6VR Gonsett's 'CGC Communicator'

KFI ...

Take a look at this venerable station's newly installed transmitter plant in 1931. The following write up, from RCA Victor Company's "Broadcast News" newsletter of October 1931, takes us right inside the transmitter room. By the way, the same "handsome two story building of brick, steel and concrete" (minus a little wear and tear) is still used as KFI's transmitter plant today. The first URL takes you to the KFI story in Broadcast News issue #1 (October 1931). For more Broadcast News newsletters, visit the second URL.

<http://tinyurl.com/KFI-TX-in-1931>

<http://tinyurl.com/RadioHistoryIndex>

N6QQ 35th in the World WPX (N6QQ)

It looks like N6QQ s was 35th in the world operating from Bill, N6MXU's house. Unfortunately the week-end before the Visalia convention Bill lost his 89 foot crank-up tower. He was raising the tower at the time. The tower was about a foot from full extension. Bill was reaching to flip the switch to stop when he heard a loud pop. He turned to run and got one step away from the tower when it completely collapsed breaking the SteppIR MonstIR on top. Talking to Bill he is resolved to attempt to repair the tower and antenna or obtain another US Towers HDX-589MPDL.

Sorry for your loss Bill. I am sure there will be a crew ready to help out with whatever you decide to do!

Alpha 76PA For Sale (W6DE)

For Sale: Alpha 76PA HF amplifier. This is the three tube version of the amplifier. The Amplifier is in excellent condition with a good clean front panel--\$1800. Spare tubes avail, see below, make offer for full package.

Call Dave, w6de, at 530-409-7877. Prefer local pick-up in Placerville California where you can see it work, but will pack and ship at your expense. Can deliver at Visalia.

This amplifier has the following upgrades/maintenance done:

--Amplifier is equipped with three NOS 8874 tubes--two more 8874 tubes are available (but not included at listed price).

--QSK conversion using two new Gigavac GH-1 vacuum relays, relays mounted in rubber for quiet operation.

--Keying circuit converted to low voltage, low current capable operation (12 volt, 2 ma.), i.e., your modern radio can key this without a special interface.

--HF filter capacitors replaced. The HV bleeder resistors have been replaced with HV metallic film resistors.

--The original 25 Watt bias resistor has been replaced with a 50 Watt resistor—prevents cooking the control PC board when running 1.5KW.

--An external fan added to provide additional cool air for operation at 1.5KW power level.

--New 240 Volt line cord, seven feet long.

PADDLE CRAZY

Jeff Wolf, K6JW

OK, here's an admission: I'm not a world class CW operator. Anyone who saw my abysmal performance in the CW pileup contest in Visalia this year certainly knows that I can't really compete with the big boys. In my defense, however, I can truly say that I love CW and use it as my preferred mode. It's just that I'm, well, sort of an average CW operator. Still, my limitations haven't stopped me from owning my share of really nice keys and paddles over the years: Bencher, Vibroplex, Schurr, Kent, and...well, here's the story.

The first time I laid eyes on a Begali Graciella iambic paddle, I knew I had to own one. The thing, simply, is a work of art. So, in Dayton in 2008, I hung out at the Begali booth and finally dropped major bucks for the wide-based version with palladium base and blue finger pieces set with mother of pearl. At my request, Pietro, himself, etched his autograph and the date on the bottom of his gorgeous creation. Today, Begali sells that paddle for a little over \$500 USD.

As soon as I arrived home, I hooked up the paddle and started running contacts. At first, the magnetic action felt strange, but I got used to it. Got used to it, but, as it turned out, never really liked it as much as I like the action on a spring-based paddle like the Vibroplex or the Schurr.

Unable to part with such a thing of beauty, however, I kept Graciella as a "hangar queen", occasionally taking her out and just staring at her in wide-eyed admiration. This ultimately became less than satisfying, and so I recently decided that the time had come when I could no longer justify having her lie around, unused in the original box, perfect, but no more useful to me than an expensive paperweight. So, with some sadness, I resolved to sell her.

I decided to write an article – the way this little article started out – as a story with a sales pitch. Fortuitously, however, I mentioned my intention to sell the paddle to someone and he stopped me in my tracks. "No need to advertise," he said, or words to that effect. "It's sold."

So, it's a done deal. You may ask whether, having parted with Graciella, I now miss her. The answer is, not really. For one thing, I just learned that Vibroplex has a new spring-based paddle. And so, the collecting continues...



The Begali Graciella magnetic paddle. Shown is the version with the standard base. Mine had the wider base.
(Photo from Begali website)

The new Vibroplex Vibrocube spring-based paddle.
(Photo from Vibroplex website.)



(Jeff, Thanks for the Begali Graciella. It certainly will not be a "Hangar Queen" at Rancho RV! Bill, N6RV)

2012 INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION

A Great Time with Great Friends

Well another convention flew by and it is a relief to see everything go so well. We had over 800 registered attendees and that is a record. We filled the banquet room and we had no one but two vendor rooms. The vendors were selling things left and right. The rooms were a blaze with activity and that was Friday! Yes, Friday looked like Saturday and the crowds stayed throughout the weekend.

Thursday

Bubba's was packed and everyone enjoyed themselves. We even had an 8 foot tall farmer (on stilts) who happened to be a ham (Noel, AG6KA, from San Diego). On Saturday Noel returned as an 8 foot Elvis (Time to top that Dan and Kristen... we missed you!). Thanks Bob, W6ZPL!

Friday

Registration was flooded! Actually ran out of program booklets even though we accidentally printed 50 extra! All total there were over 850 registered and that was a record! The patches and pins flew out! Thanks to SDDXC for standing the watch on registration.

Vendor Rooms were going great guns! It seemed like Saturday! Cathy, K6VC did a superb job rounding up vendors and prizes! Larry, K6YUI, and Ernie, N6HY, kept them in good order! Thanks guys!

DX University was sold out to an eager crowd with plenty of questions. Even the old dudes were learning new tricks!

The attitude adjustment hour was buzzing. It was great to see everyone socializing and having a good time. It was crowded. Thanks Jim, N6DHz, (The DX Store) and individual sponsors!

All three banquets were filled to capacity. From what was said every presentation was great! A thanks goes out to the effort of the hams who put on these events. They compliment the convention and always draw a crowd.

The prize room was filled with shirts while the team sorted out each one by call sign suffix. It is always fun to watch the creative way people do the alphabet!

Saturday

The day started out early. The restaurant was filled and hams were winding up for all the events of the day. We started off with the welcome speech. It seems the SCDXC president is not much of a phone operator, too soft spoken and no compressor. Over 51 foreign visitors from over 10 countries were introduced. Three ARRL Division Directors as well as their Assistant Directors and Section Managers were in the house. We even had two honorary Vice Presidents (Jay, W6EJJ),(Fried, WA6WZO (not to forget Sandi)) in attendance. Norm Fusaro, W3IZ came out from Newington to oversee the QSL checking.

The vendor showcase was a little sparse but not lacking in new and interesting items for our review. There were several new vendors in the rooms who generated a great deal of interest.

The ladies local tour was a great success. As always the myriad of sights and history in the central valley seems endless and always interesting. Marilyn Bolnick did a great job as always! Thank You!

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Saturday (continued)

The DX and Contests forums went off without a hitch. Thanks to Wayne, N7NG, and Ward, N0AX, for chairing them!

Again the presentations were top drawer. Any one of them could be a banquet presentation. Certainly any one of them could be a monthly meeting presentation (hint to our VP, Ernie, N6HY). A huge thank you goes out to Jeff Wolf for his diligence and great line up. Don, NK6A, headed up the audio / visual and deserves our thanks also!

The CW Pile Up Contest was well represented! If you look at the top dozen they copied 50% of the calls. That is amazing since most of them were barely copiable and coming at them two to three at a time. One particular point in the recording there was two stations so close in tone that they sounded like a single note. One person, Roger Western, G3SXW, copied both of the calls, amazing! Honorary mention goes out to all who for fun attempted the contest. It is our hope that this will be motivation to come back next time and improve your score. Everyone is a winner!

The hourly prizes went off famously. Yours truly did not do too well in the draw. It appeared as if this would be a lackluster year for me (only two hourly prizes). Nevertheless there were great prizes given out and everyone was happy with them. We sold over 30,000 tickets with a few throwing in for 1200 each (100 books).

The day went by as fast as any other day. Soon it was attitude adjustment hour number two. The past presidents joined in the bartending activities pouring wine and beer while the staff bartenders attended to the mixed concoctions. It was a zoo! Everyone enjoyed the festivities. Thanks to Bob Ferrero, and Janet Margelli of HRO and the individual sponsors.

The banquet feast was stuffed. Leida, N6MXC, headed up the arrangements and host staff. The prize crew, Tom & Sharon, N6OT, Tom, N6JOJ, Cathy, K6VC, Danny, WB6FWS, Ernie, N6HY, Dan, N6ERD, and John, WA6L were moving the prizes into the main room. Thanks for all your work!

It was pandemonium when the doors opened. The staff went to work finding tables for attendees. It was not long before the room quieted down and food flew out. John, K6AM, our master of ceremonies stepped up and began the program for the evening. Awards were given out. In particular, Daniel Craig won the Jim Maxwell memorial award for the California highest score in the CQWW CW DX Contest. Danny also won the CW Pile Up Contest. Little wonder that he has been copying code before he could walk!

2012 IDXC CW Pile Up Contest				
1	N6MJ	63	63.6%	N3ZN ZN-9 Key
2	G3SXW	62	62.6%	10 Books
3	N6TV	57	57.6%	5 Books
4	AD1C	55	55.6%	
5	AA7A	54	54.5%	
6	N6XI	53	53.5%	
7	N9RV	53	53.5%	
8	XE2GG	52	52.5%	N6AN
9	W6YA	52	52.5%	
10	KY7M	50	50.5%	
11	W2VJN	49	49.5%	
12	BS7H	49	49.5%	W6RGG
13	W1WEF	47	47.5%	
14	K9LA	46	46.5%	
15	KI7Y	46	46.5%	
16	K4XU	44	44.4%	
17	G4IRN	42	42.4%	
18	K3LR	42	42.4%	
19	W4KNI	40	40.4%	
20	K9JF	37	37.4%	
21	W1EBI	37	37.4%	
22	K6AAB	36	36.4%	
23	K2RD	36	36.4%	
24	WA7LN	36	36.4%	
25	N6ZFO	35	35.4%	
26	W7YAO	34	34.3%	
27	KC7V	33	33.3%	
28	W8DX	31	31.3%	
29	W6KC	29	29.3%	N3ZN Key Dwg
30	NK6A	29	29.3%	
31	W6KA	28	28.3%	
32	N8LJ	28	28.3%	
33	NN6L	28	28.3%	
34	K6GEP	27	27.3%	
35	K9WZP	27	27.3%	
36	K6QU	27	27.3%	
37	W6VX	26	26.3%	
38	N3QQ	25	25.3%	
39	W7RF	23	23.2%	
40	K0BGL	22	22.2%	
41	WB6L	19	19.2%	
42	K6JW	13	13.1%	
43	N6HE	11	11.1%	
44	N6KT	10	10.1%	
45	N6VOH	9	9.1%	
46	N6WIN			
47	KJ6Y			
48	AG6V			
49	W6CBA			
50	NZ6L			
51	W6HB			
52	KJ6EIA			
53	KD6HY			

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Saturday (continued)

John introduced our foreign guests by country. It was good to see several Swedish hams present! Jim Neiger, N6TJ, just made it in from Ascension Island on Thursday and Hrane Milosevic, YT1AD, arrived from Rotuma on Friday just in time to make it to the gathering.

The SCDXC and NCDXC presidents presented their awards. Bob, W6ZPL received the DXer of the Year. We had to grab Bob from then NBB! He was a little late and when we went to take pictures we had to find him again (HIHI).

The Clipperton award went to Kris, KC6TOD. Larry, K6YUI hatched a plan to throw Kris off the trail. Throughout the Clipperton Award presentation a male winner was inferred. Also it was stated that three individuals competed for the award when actually there was only one. After about the third time the winner was referred to as "he" people at Kris' table heard her whisper "I didn't win." The president paused, looked up, and asked, "Did I say it was a he?" When he named Kris as the winner the room erupted in applause and she nearly jumped out of her chair. The credit goes to Larry, K6YUI, for that gotcha!

The presentation on Southern Sudan followed. Paul, N6PSE, and Tony, EA5RM shared their experiences putting this new country on the air for the first time. After the presentation Chip Margelli, K7JA, presented Paul and Tony with the first WAZ certificates from Somalia. They finished with the announcement that the next Intrepid DX Group Dxpedition will be in November to Hargeisa, in the region formerly known as British Somaliland, now part of Somalia. You can see the announcement at <http://www.intrepid-dx.com/6o3a/> . This is a fairly rare country, one of the top 25!

The night ended with the prize drawings. The preregistration drawing winner went home with a Flex 1500. The First time attendee drawing winner, was our man on stilts, Noel, AG6KA, who went home with a RadioSport RS-60 headset. The youngest ham, KI6ESK, Curtis, 20 years old, took home a Daiwa power meter and he hit the big one taking home the IC-7700. His whoop was heard around the world! One ham, with a call sign ending in RV won three of the major prizes that night and a fourth at breakfast (which he threw back in the mix).

The evening ended with the NCCC hospitality suite. Unlike last year many stayed up late to chew the fat and reminisce. The bar which was wholly held for the convention also drew a respectable crowd.

The next morning everyone was up and going for breakfast. John Barcroft, K6AM hosted a parody of the 50's show, What's My Line called "What's My Call". It was fun to watch Randy, W6OAT, Roger, G3SXW, Cathy, K6VC, and Ward, N0AX attempt to discover the identity of the DX celebrity.

After the show came a great presentation on the Malpelo DXpedition. Bob Allphin, K4UEE, did a stand up job describing the harsh conditions the team endured during this operation. The work and results were stellar to say the least.

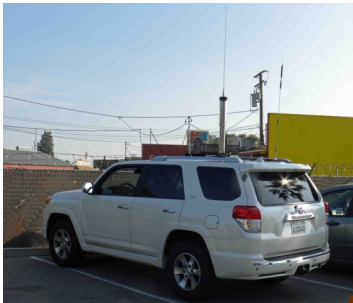
The prize team conducted the final drawing and the crowd headed to their cars. The 2012 convention ended in success. See all of you in 2013.

2012 INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION

The SCDXC photographer at this convention wore many hats so the number of photos are less than usual. Bob Wilson, N6TV, from the NCCC took a great deal of photographs at the convention and has given the newsletter permission to use them. You can see them here:

<http://bit.ly/Visalia2012>













2012 Visalia International DX Convention

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This convention was made possible through the efforts of many volunteers. Kris, KC6TOD, and George, N6VNI, did a great job with the tickets with help from Jim, WB6OFE, who ran the money to the hotel safe, and Hector, XE2K and others who moved throughout the convention selling tickets. Marilyn Bolnick helped on the Friday surge at the preregistration ticket counter. Kris picked up the treasurers duties and performed flawlessly. George also handled the convention shirts and helped out enormously with the leg work picking up the registrations at the post office. Carl and Mel were buzzing around fixing problems all throughout the convention. The planning and preparation they headed up really paid off.

Our apologies if we missed anyone! Thank you for your tireless effort!

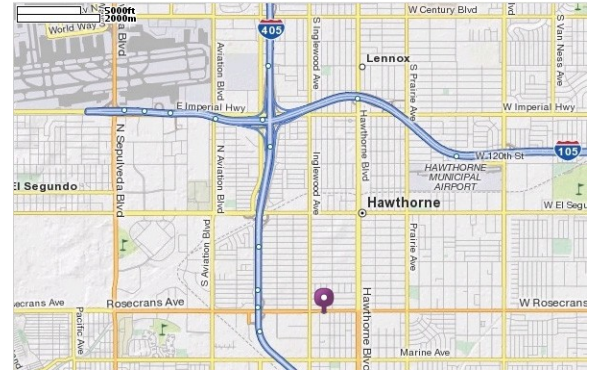
SCDXC Meeting Location

SCDXC Meets at WEMS Inc. on Rosecrans in Hawthorne. It is very close to the 405 Freeway however the entrance can be missed. The major landmark is the tower with the SteppIR antenna on top.

The driving directions to WEMS, Inc are as follows:

The address is: [4650 West Rosecrans Avenue, Hawthorne, CA. \(South side of street\)](#)

1. Coming South on the I-405 take the second Rosecrans (Rosecrans East) off ramp. At the bottom of the off ramp turn right and proceed to the next traffic light and turn right again on to Rosecrans Avenue. Go under the freeway and proceed East on Rosecrans past Inglewood Avenue. Go 1-1/2 blocks past Inglewood Avenue and make a right turn into the driveway between a one story building and a two story building with a tower and SteppIR antenna. Drive past the gate and park in any open parking space. We will be meeting in the one story building you just drove past. If you get to traffic light East of Inglewood avenue turn around and go back. Look for the antenna.
2. Coming North on the I-405 take the first Rosecrans off ramp (Rosecrans East) and turn right at the bottom of the off ramp onto Rosecrans Avenue. Go 1-1/2 blocks past Inglewood Avenue and make a right turn into the driveway between a one story building and a two story building with a tower and SteppIR antenna. Drive past the gate and park in any open parking space. We will be meeting in the one story building you just drove past. If you get to traffic light East of Inglewood avenue turn around and go back. Look for the antenna
3. Coming West on CA-91 merge on to I-110 South and then North onto the I-405. Once you are Northbound on the I-405 follow the directions in #2 above.
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5. If you live in the South Bay or Palos Verdes you are on your own.
6. If you would like to try Metro Light Rail, see Mel Hughes for information. WEMS is an easy walk from a Metro Green Line Station, or we can arrange a ride from the station to WEMS.



Pre-Club Meeting Dinner

Club members and visitors often meet before the meeting and enjoy a meal. Lately many of us have been going to #1 Buffet at 14418 Hawthorne Blvd, Lawndale, CA 90260, (310) 644-4007. The restaurant is just South and East of WEMS. Another group meets at the Denny's on the corner of Inglewood Avenue and Rosecrans Avenue. This is stones throw West of WEMS. For those interested in fine dining some of the best restaurants in the South Bay are located on Rosecrans just West between the 405 and Sepulveda (PCH). The Manhattan Beach area is a target rich food environment!



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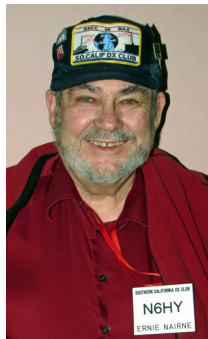
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